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OMG!

Orderly Motorcar Gathering

A parade of hearses in Hell, Mich., Saturday was staged in hopes of setting a Guinness world record for "Longest Parade of Hearses." Just Hearse 'N Around, a car club based in Hell, said it needed at least 50 hearses to qualify; 51 showed up. Organizers failed to set a record in 2010, when only 43 hearses participated. Guinness World Records will need to verify the mark before it's officially recognized as a record. (AP)

OMG!

Only Moms Get [It]

An Ohio hospital is promising to stop using "OMG" in its advertising, after complaints from a blogger. Akron Children's Hospital put up a billboard that read, "OMG! There's an Akron Children's ER in Montrose!" Blogger Cindy Orley felt the use of OMG was disrespectful to God. A spokeswoman said the hospital didn't mean to offend anyone and thought it was using "common vernacular" used by mothers. (AP)

OMG!

Oregon Man Gambles

An Oregon man spent the night in a Nebraska detox cell after mistaking a police station for a casino and asking for blackjack chips. The intoxicated 21-year-old approached the University of Nebraska-Lincoln police station's front desk after a college football game Saturday. He left after a staffer told him it was a police station, but returned a few minutes later. Police took him into protective custody while he sobered up. (AP)



BUT IS IT ART? Karishma, a 13-year-old female Asian elephant — and also Whipsnade Zoo's "resident artist" — uses her trunk to wield a brush and paint on canvas at Whipsnade Zoo in Bedfordshire, England, on Tuesday. The zoo will be hosting Elephant Appreciation Day this weekend. (GETTY)

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In Brief

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

BP Oil Not Breaking Down On Gulf Floor, Study Says

Auburn University researchers said Tuesday that tar balls washed onto Gulf of Mexico beaches by Tropical Storm Lee prove that oil left over from last year's BP spill isn't breaking down as quickly as some assume. The study says the material could pose a long-term threat. BP isn't commenting on the study. (AP)

RENO, NEV.

Police: 11th Person Has Died From Air Race Crash

An 11th person has died from injuries suffered in a plane crash that marked the nation's deadliest air racing disaster, Reno police said Tuesday. Police spokeswoman Michele Anderson the victim had not been identified. (AP)

ATLANTA

Condemned Ga. Inmate Maintains His Innocence



Davis

Yet another appeal denied, Troy Davis was left with little to do Tuesday but wait to be executed for a murder he insists he did not commit. He lost his most realistic chance to avoid

lethal injection on Tuesday. His execution is set for 7 p.m. Wednesday. (AP)

Global Economy's Outlook Dims

IMF downgrades its expectations, warns of 'dangerous' phase

Washington

The world economy has entered a "dangerous new phase," according to the chief economist of the International Monetary Fund. As a result, the international lending organization has sharply downgraded its economic outlook for the United States and Europe through the end of next year.

The IMF expects the U.S. economy to grow just 1.5 percent this year and 1.8 percent in 2012. That's down from its June forecast of 2.5 percent in 2011 and 2.7 percent next year. To achieve even that still-low level of growth, the U.S. economy would need to expand at a much faster rate in the second half of the year than its 0.7 percent annual pace in the first six months.

Most economists expect growth of between 1.5 percent and 2 percent in the final two quarters. Though an improvement, it wouldn't be enough to lower the unemployment rate. The



Crowds of job-seekers wait to enter a job fair in August in south Los Angeles. The U.S. economy is expected to grow just 1.5 percent this year, according to the IMF.

"The recovery has weakened considerably. Strong policies are needed to improve

- IMF CHIEF ECONOMIST OLIVIER
BLANCHARD, COMMENTING ON THE
GLOBAL ECONOMY'S EXPECTATIONS.

reduce the risks."

the outlook and

rate has been 9 percent or higher in all but two months since the recession officially ended.

"The global economy has entered a dangerous new phase," said Olivier Blanchard, the IMF's chief economist.

The IMF has also lowered its outlook for the 17 countries that use the euro. It predicts 1.6 percent growth this year and 1.1 percent next year, down from its June

Stalled Spending

The U.S. economy faces longerlasting problems that go beyond high gas prices and disruptions caused by the Japan crisis, the IMF said. Employers are adding few jobs and giving out meager pay raises. Many homeowners owe more on their mortgages than their homes are worth. Banks are keeping credit tight. Unemployment is likely to average 9 percent next year. All those trends are holding back consumer spending, the IMF's report said. (AP)

projections of 2 percent and 1.7 percent, respectively.

For the U.S., President Obama's proposal to cut taxes and spend more on infrastructure should provide much-needed short-term stimulus, the IMF said. But it needs to be paired with a longer-term plan to reduce the deficit over, the report said. The timing of the budget cuts is key, Blanchard said.

Budget cuts "cannot be too fast or it will kill growth," Blanchard said. "It cannot be too slow or it will kill credibility." (AP)



Now For Everyone: Google Inc. opened up its Google Plus social network to everyone Tuesday after testing it with a limited audience for 12 weeks. Google also made Plus' "Hangouts" feature — which lets users video-chat with multiple people at a time — available on smartphones with front-facing cameras. The feature currently works with phones running Google's Android system. Google says support for Apple devices is coming soon. (AP)

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World

In Brief

SAN'A, YEMEN

Cease-Fire Takes Effect In Yemen, Witnesses Say

The Yemeni capital of San'a was mostly calm Tuesday after a cease-fire negotiated by the country's vice president and Western ambassadors took effect, witnesses and officials said. The cease-fire came on the third day of deadly violence between regime opponents and forces loyal to embattled President Ali Abdullah Saleh, in which least 60 people have been killed. (AP)

ROME

Trial of Scientists Begins In Quake Warning Case

Seven scientists and experts went on trial on manslaughter charges Tuesday for allegedly failing to sufficiently warn residents before a 2009 earthquake that killed more than 300 people in central Italy. The case is being closely watched by seismologists, who insist it's impossible to predict earthquakes. (AP)

ISLAMABAD

26 Shiite Pilgrims Killed During Militant Attack

Suspected Sunni extremists opened fire on Shiite Muslim pilgrims traveling by bus Tuesday through southwest Pakistan on their way to Iran, killing 26 people and wounding six others, officials and survivors said. (AP)

Top Afghan Peace Broker Slain

Assassination deals a blow to Karzai and Taliban negotiations

Kabul, Afghanistan

A suicide attacker with a bomb in his turban posed as a Taliban peace envoy and assassinated a former Afghan president who for the past year headed a government council seeking a political settlement with the insurgents.

Tuesday's attack, carried out in former president Burhanuddin Rabbani's Kabul home, dealt a harsh blow to attempts at ending a decade of war. The killing of Rabbani, an ethnic Tajik and one of the wise old men of Afghan politics, will blunt efforts to keep in check the regional and ethnic rivalries that help feed the insurgency.

President Hamid Karzai cut short a visit to the United Nations and called on Afghans to remain unified in the face of Rabbani's "martyrdom."

NATO said in a statement that two suicide bombers had detonated explosives, though Afghan officials



Loss of a Leader

Burhanuddin Rabbani, who was about 70 years old, was president from 1992-1996, heading the Afghan government that preceded the Taliban rule. After he was driven from Kabul in 1996, he became the nominal head of the Northern Alliance. Rabbani also led the High Peace Council, set up by the Afghan government to work toward a political solution to the decade-long war. It had made little headway since it was formed a year ago, but it was backed by many in the international community. (AP)

"He will be sorely missed, but the work of the Peace Council will go on. We remain determined to see Afghanistan prosper."

— **BRITISH PRIME MINISTER DAVID CAMERON,** SPEAKING TUESDAY ABOUT THE ASSASSINATION OF BURHANUDDIN RABBANI, A LEADING AFGHAN POLITICAL FIGURE.

insisted there was one attacker.

Rabbani, who was the leader of the anti-Taliban Northern Alliance, will be hard to replace soon, given his role in the attempts to seek a political deal with the Taliban with U.S. blessing.

Already Afghanistan's ethnic minorities have begun to rearm in the face of negotiations with the Taliban. Rabbani's death is likely to accelerate that process and lay the foundation for a possible civil war once U.S. combat troops leave the country or take on support roles by the end of 2014.

President Obama, speaking at the start of a meeting in New York with Karzai, said the killing will not deter the U.S. and Afghani-

Backstory

The Taliban have been targeting senior officials in the government and close associates of Karzai. On July 27, an insurgent with a bomb in his turban killed Kandahar Mayor Ghulam Haider Hamidi. Five days earlier, an associate gunned down Karzai's powerful half brother, Ahmed Wali Karzai, at his home in Kandahar. During Wali Karzai's funeral, a turban bomber killed a leading cleric. That same month, gunmen in Kabul killed Jan Mohammad Khan, a presidential adviser.(AP)

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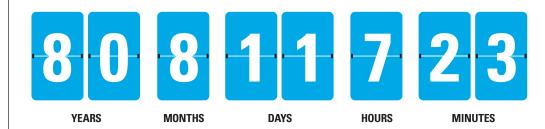
Pakistan's Prime Minister Yusuf Reza Gilani and President Asif Ali Zardari condemned the assassination. They conveyed their "extreme anger and shock" over the killing, according to a statement released by the Pakistan government.

Tuesday's attack came days after insurgents attacked the U.S. Embassy and NATO headquarters, killing 16 Afghans and deepening a sense of insecurity in Kabul. (AP)



Polio Notice: The World Health Organization on Tuesday warned countries that a "dangerous" strain of polio has recently spread to China from Pakistan. A genetic link has been confirmed between wild poliovirus type 1 detected in China and a strain circulating in Pakistan, the U.N. health agency said. A WHO spokesman said type 1 is more likely to cause paralysis and spreads more easily than type 3 polio. Type 2 polio has been eradicated. (AP)





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World

14.5K Troops to Leave Iraq by Oct.

Washington

The number of American troops in Iraq will fall to 30,000 by the end of this month as the U.S. winds down the war, the top U.S military officer said Tuesday.

The reduction is about a onethird drop from the current num-



Mullen

ber and would be the first big withdrawal this year.

Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in disclosing the plans, declined to elabo-

rate on the talks between Iraq and the U.S. on leaving a small force there after year's end.

Meanwhile ...

The U.S. and Pakistan agreed to limit the number of American troops in that country, as the two nations struggle to repair frayed relations, U.S. officials told The Associated Press on Tuesday. The pact slashes the number of U.S. forces allowed in Pakistan to between 100 and 150, nearly half of what it has been in the past. The number of special operations trainers would fall from 140 to fewer than 10. (AP)

troops in Iraq. When the U.S. officially ended its combat mission in Iraq on Sept. 1, 2010, it had about 50,000 troops. Under a 2008 agreement, all U.S. troops are to be out of There are about 44,500 U.S. | Iraq by the end of this year. (AP)

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Tensions Flare in Zambia During Vote



A TRUCK BURNS as scattered riots break out in Lusaka, Zambia, during the country's presidential election Tuesday. Rupiah Banda seeks a new term of office after completing the term of his predecessor, Levy Mwanawasa, who died in office in 2008. Initial results from the vote are expected late Wednesday.

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A new study, spurred by a MARC train accident in January, said the signs at the Gaithersburg rail station need to be upgraded.

Signs of Trouble in Md.

Better safety sought at Gaithersburg rail stop after Jan. death

Commuting

The Gaithersburg commuter rail station needs updated signs, more outdoor shelters and more barriers to improve pedestrian safety for passengers who must cross the tracks to catch inbound trains, according to a Maryland Transit Administration safety assessment released late Monday.

MTA officials conducted the safety study in May, after the January death of 81-year-old James T. Clemons, who was hit by a morning Maryland Area Regional Commuter (MARC) train as he crossed the tracks. Clemons had crossed from the Java Junction coffee shop inside the station, where he and other passengers had waited inside out

Safety Precautions

A Maryland Transit Administration study of the Gaithersburg commuter rail station recommends eliminating a wooden crosswalk directly in front of the station and extending a coffee-shop fence to direct passengers to a safer asphalt crossing. The report also suggests relocating newspaper boxes that limit motorists' line of sight and could cause them to inadvertently drive onto the tracks, and said brightly colored "emergency information" signs should be installed to alert pedestrians about using caution when crossing the tracks. (TWP)

of the cold. Passengers must walk across the tracks from the station at Summit Avenue to catch morning trains headed toward Washington.

Two other people have been

hit by trains in the Gaithersburg area this year. Montgomery County police said a woman committed suicide when she stepped in front of a CSX train in April, and a Derwood man was hit by a MARC train in July when he crossed the tracks near East Diamond and North Summit avenues.

MARC officials presented their findings to the Gaithersburg City Council. Gaithersburg Mayor Sidney Katz said the council will need to discuss the recommendations before it suggests how to proceed. He welcomed MTA officials' announcement that they would install electronic countdown timers inside the station in early October to tell passengers how long they have to safely cross the tracks.

Katz said city officials don't hear many concerns from MARC passengers about the station but said, "I think you can always be safer." (THE WASHINGTON POST)



Green Light: Parts of Interstate 95 south of Fredericksburg may become toll roads if Virginia follows through on a federal approval of a plan to pay for highway improvements by collecting money from drivers who use them. Preliminary approval by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), which has authority over tollling on interstates, allows the state to move ahead with a proposal to require tolls from drivers coming from North Carolina. (TWP)



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Sports

Red Sox Nation Holds Its Ground

Cheering for Yankees crosses a line, even in this tight playoff race

Pro Baseball

Things were looking dire for the Boston Red Sox when they dropped three of four to Tampa Bay and the opener of a doubleheader against last-place Baltimore on Monday. Fans were booing. Fans were panicking. Fans were ready to give up.

But they weren't willing to take the most drastic measure of all: Rooting for the New York Yankees when they play the Rays seven times over the next nine days.

"You can't root for the Yankees. Ever. Ever. Ever."

— TED SELLARS, A GROCERY MANAGER
IN THE BOSTON AREA WHO WOULD RATHER
HAVE THE RAYS OVERTAKE THE RED SOX
THAN HAVE THE YANKEES WIN A GAME.

"Absolutely not. Anybody that's going to beat the Yankees, I don't care," said Pat Smith, a plumber from Cambridge, Mass. "Even if it hurts the Sox. You never root for the Yankees. I'm sorry. I don't care."

The Red Sox led the AL East for much of the summer, and they still had a chance to coast into the playoffs with a nine-game lead over Tampa Bay in the wild-card race on Sept. 3.



Red Sox fans hate to see the Yankees win, even if it helps their favorite team.

But the Rays beat Boston six times in seven games over a 10-day span, trimming the deficit to two games before Baltimore cut it by another half-game Monday. The Red Sox won the nightcap to extend their lead to two games heading into Tuesday. The Rays play seven games over the final nine days against the first-place Yankees. Seven of Boston's last 10 are against the Orioles, who entered the doubleheader 29 games out in the AL East.

"We need to control what we can control," Red Sox manager Terry Francona said after losing three of four to the Rays. "Saying that, I hope they lose."

Before heading to New York for four games in three days, Rays manager Joe Maddon was asked whether he ever thought he could turn a ballpark full of 37,000 Bostonians into Yankees fans. "That's improbable, isn't it?" he said. "It's not just 37,000, it's 37 in the ballpark and millions more in the nation." (AP)

TV Lineup

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The Nats continue their series against the powerful Philadelphia Phillies.

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The Cubs host the Brewers; the redhot Rays visit the Yankees, and the A's battle the Rangers.

SOCCER (7:30 P.M., CSN) D.C. United hosts Chivas USA as both teams fight to reach the MLS playoffs.

PRO HOCKEY (7 P.M., VERSUS)

The Flyers and Maple Leafs play in a preseason game.

Sports

Changing Lines

When it comes to open jobs with the Caps, there are few - if any - to be won during the team's training camp, which began Saturday. A free-agent frenzy filled up many of the Caps' open spaces, making training camp more of a formality than a contest. The slew of free agents signed over the summer does present a new question: Where do they all fit? Here's an early guess at what the Caps' opening night lineup might look like as the team begins to prep for the upcoming NHL season. REED S. ALBERS

field in the seventh for a 3-0 lead.

Zimmerman Plays Hero in the 10th

The Nationals

Ryan Zimmerman's pinch-hit single in the top of the 10th inning lifted the Nationals past the Philadelphia

header. Roger Bernadina smacked a threerun homer off Phil-

Phillies 4-3 Tuesday

in the first game of

a day-night-double-

lies reliever Michael Schwimer into the seats in the second deck of right Raul Ibanez hit a three-run pinchhit homer in the bottom of the seventh to make it 3-3.

Tom Gorzelanny (4-6) threw a scoreless inning in the ninth for the victory. Drew Storen picked up his 39th save. The Nationals have won eight of their last 11 games. The Phillies, who have clinched their fifth-straight NL East title, used a lineup featuring only two regulars: Shane Victorino in center and Hunter Pence in right. (AP)

HE OFFENSE



LEFT WING: ALEX OVECHKIN, ABOVE **CENTER: NICKLAS BACKSTROM RIGHT WING: MIKE KNUBLE**

No surprises here, but, as always, expect to see Knuble replace Semin periodically throughout the regular season. The S-O-B line always finds a way to form at some point in the season.



LEFT WING: ALEXANDER SEMIN, ABOVE **CENTER: BROOKS LAICH RIGHT WING:** TROY BROUWER

The Caps paid Laich big bucks to stay, and while he could serve as third line center, his grit can work with the razzle-dazzle of Semin. Brouwer, who was brought in through a trade with the Blackhawks, may fit in with Laich's style.



LEFT WING: JASON CHIMERA CENTER: MARCUS JOHANSSON, ABOVE RIGHT WING: MATTIAS SJOGREN/CODY

Training camp's main roster battle will likely be between rookie Cody Eakin and a 23-year-old Swedish free agent, Mattias Sjogren. Chimera and Johansson already bring speed to the line.



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LEFT WING: MATT HENDRICKS • CENTER: JEFF HALPERN, SHOWN • RIGHT WING: JOEL WARD

Coach Bruce Boudreau can't get any grittier than this collection of grinders. Ward and Halpern were brought in to do the dirty work, and their skill sets should mesh perfectly with the all-purpose Hendricks.

THE DEFENSE



Pairing 1

MIKE GREEN AND JEFF SCHULTZ Just as Alex Ovechkin and Nicklas Backstrom are attached at the hip, Green and Schultz should spend a considerable amount of time together.



JOHN CARLSON, ABOVE, AND KARL ALZNER Lovingly dubbed Carlzner by fans, the two rising defensive stars emerged as one of the team's most reliable pairings last season.



Pairing

DENNIS WIDEMAN AND ROMAN HAMRLIK,

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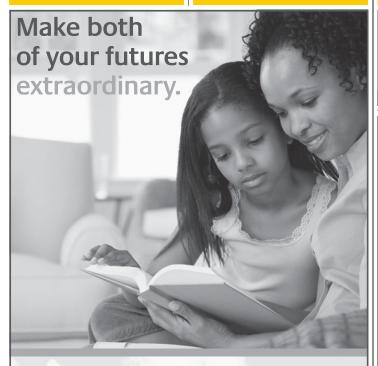
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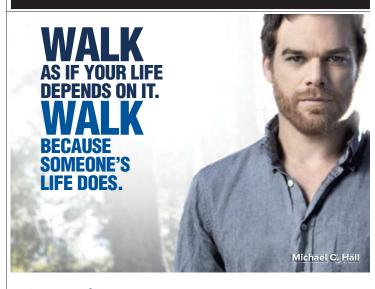
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The rumors are false! Robert Pattinson is not recording an album. **31**





Stripes, Not Hype

The sell-out frenzy of Target's Missoni line is still a retail bungle, with online orders delayed for weeks and tales of in-store tussles over tights. Bargain shoppers love these hyped designer collaborations; they allow us to dress Italian for \$34.95. But the Target-Missoni mash-up may indicate



that, despite the stock being snapped up within hours, the brand's reputation is slipping.

Today, independent, family-run fashion houses like Missoni are as scarce as the knitwear that caused

Target.com to crash. In this case, the family business would rather sell out to Target than Gucci Group, even if it means compromising quality (the styles weren't made in Italy). Is Missoni for Target a sign that the house will cash in on any opportunity? First Target, then French conglomerates?

Designers' cashing in via big-box stores or big business won't weaken design, but it changes their charm. No more, "Fabrizio supplied us leather for decades!" Family houses (Ferragamo, Versace) remain like old city states, protecting the town piazza and spirit. You won't find that at Target. For real Italian, try Filene's Basement, where past-season Missoni jeans sell for \$25. You won't even have to wait in line!

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Salaciously Sourced

'The Rogue' paints a deeply unflattering picture of the former Alaska governor

Book Review

"The Rogue: Searching for the Real Sarah Palin" (\$25, Random House), a so-called "investigative chronicle" of the former Alaska governor, will be catnip for Palin haters hoping to see her discredited as a potential presidential candidate. But the gossipy tale provides little new information and draws too much from

unnamed sources or avowed Palin critics.

Joe McGinnis, a veteran journalist, paints a deeply unflattering portrait of Palin, cast-

ing her as ill-informed, cold-blooded, narcissistic and vengeful.

He throws in some new and prurient details, suggesting Palin and husband Todd used cocaine and that she booted a pair of house guests after finding baby oil in their bedroom. But McGinnis' reliance on unnamed sources and quotes weakens the book's credibility. Too often, his most titillating material comes from mysterious people identified as "an old friend," "a friend of Todd" or "a lawyer in Wasilla."

The most sensational passage in the book deals with Glen Rice, a former NBA basketball star who McGin-

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nis claims had a brief sexual relationship with Palin in 1987, before she and Todd were married. But Rice never fully confirms McGinnis' story.

It's McGinnis' experience living next door to the Palins for five months that offers the most telling portrait of Palin's style and persubject and took the house only because it was one of few rental properties available in the area.

Palin went to war nonetheless, trashing McGinnis on Fox News and posting on Facebook that he was an unwanted stalker "peering" at her and her children.

The posting provokes

such anger from Palin loyalists that McGinnis received death threats and visits from sympathetic onlookers.

One of those was Verne Rupright, who succeeded Palin as Wasilla mayor and who offered McGinnis a handgun for protection when the two sat for an interview. "People around here don't [care] about Sarah anymore. They're burned out on all her drama," Rupright said

With his book so suffused with Palin drama, McGinnis had better hope that's not an accurate assessment. BETH FOUHY (AP)



Experience Pandora: The Walt Disney Co. will build attractions based on James Cameron's "Avatar" at its theme parks, starting with its Animal Kingdom park in Orlando, Fla. The "Avatar" attraction is to be an immersive land spanning several acres and will begin construction in 2013. In bringing Pandora to life, Cameron says, the attractions may include animatronics and multimedia shows that use 3-D and holographic technology. (AP)

lookout entertainment



Get It, Grill "Bobby Flay's Bar Americain Cookbook" was released Tuesday, stuffed with recipes from restaurants of the same name in New York City and Connecticut's Mohegan Sun casino. The book's focus is American regional foods – salmon, oysters, ham, beefsteaks. Flay won't be cooking, just speaking and signing, but you can gain a deep conceptual understanding of grilled meats before his talk of juicy flavors drives you mad with hunger. Sixth and I Historic Synagogue, 600 I St. NW; 7:30 p.m., \$40 includes one copy of the cookbook; 202-408-3100, Sixthandi.org. (Gallery Place)

Crafts, Fair Indego Africa is a particularly cool nonprofit — it supports female artisans in Rwanda and helps them sell their goods to American retailers. Tonight, the organization is hosting the Ibirori 2011 Fall Gala, a fundraiser offering crafts for sale, an open bar and live music from the Method. Woolly Mammoth Theatre. 641 D St. NW; 7 p.m., \$30, \$25 for students; 202-393-3939, Indegoafrica.org. (Gallery

Work-Life Balance Mates of State, husband-and-wife indie-rock band extraordinaire (Jason Hammel and

> Kori Gardner), have a new album their first collection of original songs since "Re-Arrange Us" in 2008. "Mountaintops" picks up where they left off, with awesome piano solos, sweet harmonies and lyrics that tackle the complexity of relationships. 9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; 10 p.m., \$25; 202-265-0930, 930.com. (U St.-

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Back With a Vengeance

A girl seeks payback on those who ruined her life in 'Revenge'

Series Premieres

"Revenge" begins with a murder. And that's fitting, because the new melodra-

ma seems all but dead on arrival. Set in the fabulous Hamptons social scene, "Revenge" depends on the dubious theory that if you dazzle viewers with pretty faces, expensive clothes and talk of money, nothing else has to make much sense.

Emily Thorne (Emily VanCamp, "Everwood") is new to the Hamptons. She's just rented the big beach house right in front of the sprawling mansion belonging to the super-rich Graysons. Folks wonder why she's taken the house all by her lonesome. Particularly since she doesn't look old enough to drive.

Over the course of what seems like 15 minutes, she insinuates herself into the wealthy set, attending



Emily Thorne (Emily VanCamp, left, with Gabriel Mann) returns home in "Revenge."

posh cocktail parties and charity auctions, and getting the lowdown on which middle-aged spouse is committing adultery with whom.

This is pretty standard soap opera stuff, except Emily isn't a newcomer at all. And she's not even an Emily. She's returned to the Hamptons to exact punishment on the snooty types who set up her father (for treason, no less) and who ruined her family. Most of her revenge ploy and the gist of her motivation are explained in a voice-over, and voiceovers generally mean the story isn't being told well on screen.

This plot device also exposes problems in the plausibility department. We're supposed to believe she grew up among these folks, the same people who don't recognize her now, because — gasp! — she dyed her hair! KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNIVERSAL U CLICK)

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Best Bets



The Middle Ray Romano reunites with his former "Everybody Loves Raymond" co-star Patricia Heaton, playing Nicky Kohlbrenner, a man from Frankie's (Heaton) past who played a role in ruining her honeymoon with Mike (Neil Flynn).

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Modern Family Determined to best Jay (Ed O'Neill, shown) in all things dude ranch, Phil (Emmy winner Ty Burrell) does a little practicing at home before the next Pritchett-Dunphy family vacation in the season premiere.



NBC 10:00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Kelli Giddish and Danny Pino are on board as new detectives; Stephanie March and Diane Neal return as Assistant District Attorneys Alex Cabot and Casey Novak.

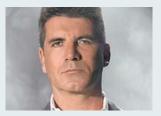
CBS 10:00



CSI: Crime Scene Investigation

Ted Danson, shown, takes the reins from Laurence Fishburne, playing the new leader of the CSI unit, while original star Marg Helgenberger has announced she's leaving in January. In the season premiere, the team investigates multiple attacks on a public tram. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

Competition



Idol Worship

"The X Factor" (8 p.m., Fox) arrives saddled with big expectations. A hit in the U.K., "X" allows anyone older than 12 to enter, as a single contestant or as a group. This makes it slightly different than "American Idol," though the show's former judges - Simon Cowell, shown, and Paula Abdul — reunite here. "The X Factor" has been so heavily promoted that anything less than a staggering success will be seen as a failure. к.м.



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To Stop a Thief

Travelers can avoid losing belongings by following a few rules

Advice

Travel is often hectic — rushing to make a plane, keeping an eye on young children, maybe schlepping too much baggage.

Distractions can create opportunity for thieves looking for an easy target in a crowded terminal or airplane cabin.

Thefts from airline luggage are rare, according to government figures, but that doesn't ease the sting if it's your vacation that's ruined because of a stolen passport or jewelry. Experts say most of the thefts that do occur could easily be prevented if travelers followed a few basic rules, starting with an obvious one.

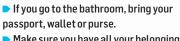
"Never pack valuables in luggage that you're going to check," said Bryan Saltzburg of travel website TripAdvisor.com. "Carry it on the plane with you, or ship it insured."

Sometimes airline employees force travelers to check a carry-on bag, especially during peak travel

Keep It to Yourself

One way to protect your belongings is to purchase a Transportation Security Administration-approved lock. Here are more ideas:

- Put your bag in the bin across the aisle from your seat, so you can see if someone tries to reach into it.
- Turn the bag and flip it so that zippers are in the back and facing down, making it harder to get into.





periods such as holidays. Saltzburg advises travelers to pack valuables in a smaller bag that fits inside your carry-on suitcase. If a gate agent tells you to check the suitcase, remove the smaller bag and keep it with you. You'll also want to get to the gate early and board before the overhead bins fill up.

"People who get their carryon stolen usually board late," said Kevin Coffey, a police detective and travel-security consultant in Los Angeles. "They're sitting in Row 44, their bag is above Row 19, and when the plane lands, a crook grabs the bag and he's gone."

Last year, 2 million travelers complained to the U.S. Department of Transportation about mishandled baggage, which includes stolen, lost or delayed bags. (AP)

DISCUSSIONS

Flight Crew

United Airlines offers United Plus for added cost and you get about 3 extra inches of legroom. Is it worth it, or would you be just as well off with an aisle seat?

I believe the amount of extra legroom varies by the plane, but it can be as much as 5 inches extra. I thought it was well worth it on a recent flight home from Amsterdam. The flight was packed to the gills, and that little bit of extra space made all the difference.

Would visiting Iceland in October

be enjoyable and worth going?

I gather that it's cold, but not entirely frigid — 30s to 40s during the day. As long as you're staying in hotels and not backpacking, and wear warm clothing, it should be doable, if you really want to see the place, which is supposed to be fab. Plus it's past tourist season, so you may have the place to yourself.

We're trying to determine our holiday travel plans this year and are wondering whether we can expect to see any dip in prices.

Currently, prices to Denver are around \$350-\$400. Is that likely to drop significantly at all?

Everyone wants to travel over the holidays, so the airlines don't need to discount their seats. Sometimes there is a last-minute sale if seats are going begging, but I wouldn't count on it. A cost of \$350 for convenient flights and with taxes included isn't bad.

The Washington Post's Flight Crew fields travel-related questions, comments, gripes and stories at 2 p.m. every Monday at washingtonpost.com/travel



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Horoscope

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You'll be able to plot a certain course based on information that comes to you. You can fit the pieces of this plan together as need be.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) The pace is likely to pick up throughout the day, meaning that you will have more to do later. Be prepared. Conserve your energy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You are nearing the end of a phase, but the signs are not clear about where you will be heading next. Perhaps you can chart your own course.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Others are likely to make demands on your time. Save some for yourself and use it when you most need it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Are you ready to switch gears when things are not going exactly as planned? Will you be compelled to change your approach?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Others may criticize you for what they see as vaunting ambition, but the truth is that you are being both far-reaching and realistic.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You may not know why, but someone will seem to be shadowing you throughout the day. Is he or she a friend or foe?

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your admiration for someone else is likely to grow as a result of working closely together on a difficult project.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Focus on the little things and you'll be able to make a great deal of headway. The big picture should take care of itself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Keep your eyes and ears open, and you'll receive valuable information that is only available to you at this time.

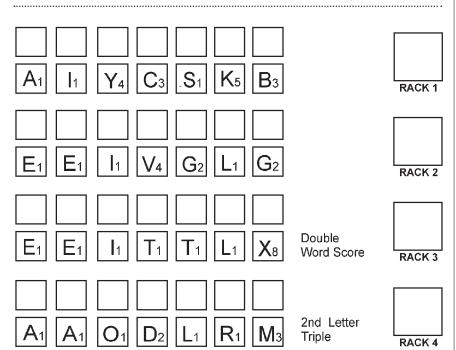
CANCER (June 21-July 22) One thing leads to another, and before you know it you've created a situation for yourself that is not at all what you were intending.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You have a certain way of doing things that can attract a great deal of attention — but with it comes unwanted advice as well, so be ready.



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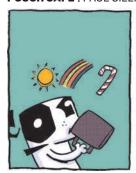
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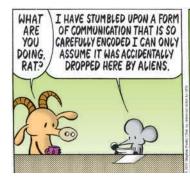








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- 1 FBI agents
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- 14 Longest river in
- Switzerland

salmon

- 15 End-of-the-roster abbr.
- 16 More than prompt
- 17 Start of a slacker's quip 20 Like some hams or
- 21 Bible's first grandkid
- 22 ___ loss for words
- 23 Window frame
- 25 Dits' counterparts, in Morse code
- 27 "What else?"
- 30 Lion's den sound 32 Head ___ (big boss)
- 36 Croat's neighbor
- 38 Applications
- 40 More uncommon
- 41 Middle of a slacker's quip
- 44 Use the delete key
- 45 Light gas?
- 46 Fluids
- 47 In a discourteous fashion
- 49 Respiratory rattle
- 51 Let one's god DOWN?
- 52 Parrot's morsel
- 54 Vatican City monetary unit, once
- 56 Throw on the floor?
- 59 Drug con
- 61 Warning signals
- 65 End of a slacker's quip
- 68 Metric volume
- 69 Actress Falco
- 70 Norse god
- 71 Rippling with muscles
- 72 Foxx of TV and film
- 73 Corduroy rib

DOWN

- 1 Spaces between teeth
- 2 Schoolhouse figure
- 3 Ending for "switch" or "buck"

- 4 Head-shoulder connectors
- 5 Escorts to the exit
- 6 "___ Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas"
- 7 Spouse
- 8 Hunter's hideaway
- 9 Coast 10 Square on toast
- 11 Opera solo
- 12 Coin destination,
- sometimes
- 13 Talking bird
- 18 Rise up on the hind legs 19 Biblical mariner
- 24 Is wearing
- 26 Loses it
- 27 September bloom
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- 29 Hate the thought of

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- 34 Painter Matisse
- 35 Ballpark instrument
- 37 Barracks sites
- 39 "Cheers!"
- 42 Gave in
- 43 Joined the military
- 48 Slangy approval
- 50 View from Huron, Ohio
- 53 Laundry apparatus
- 55 Bow partner
- 56 What stainless steel doesn't do
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- minute" or "no good" 58 Pop rocker Stefani
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Today in History

The New York Sun runs its famous editorial, written anonymously by Francis P. Church, that responded to a letter from 8-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon asking whether Santa Claus really existed, saying, "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus."

"NFL Monday Night Football" debuts on ABC-TV as the Cleveland Browns defeat the visiting New York Jets. 31-21.



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DISAPPOINTMENT

Stricken Fans Relegate Edward Cullen Body Pillows To Closets, Basements

Usmagazine.com reported Tuesday that Robert Pattinson is making an album of his own songs, and that he plans to finish it before publicity for "Breaking Dawn Part 1" gets going. Not so, a rep told MTV News: "He is not working on an album right now." Pattinson recorded two songs for the "Twilight" soundtrack. (EXPRESS)

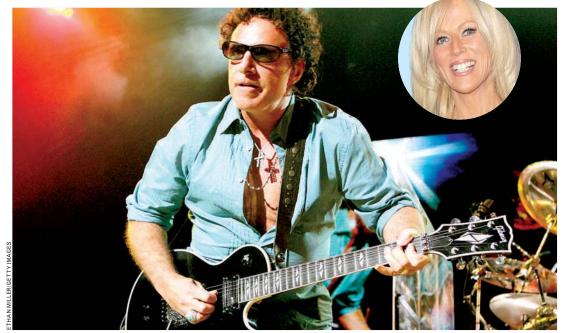
CONFUSION

'Sorry, Do You Mean 1962 A.D. or 1962 B.C.?'



If the Rolling Stones are planning a 50th anniversary tour, Mick Jagger isn't saying. "I have no idea," he said Monday. "We are talking about if next year

is the 50th anniversary, sort of. It depends where you are counting from." Jagger joked that this may not be the band's 50th, since drummer Charlie Watts was with another group when the Stones first formed. (AP)



This photo illustration depicts Neal Schon's inner life for the past 15 years.

TRUE WUV

Aww, It's a Fairy Tale

Neal Schon, paramour of Michaele Salahi, tells the Daily Beast he's "very happy, very happy after waiting for her for 15 years." Now he wants to "get beyond all this media hype that Tareq has put out there. It's really quite embarrassing." Michaele Salahi says she dated both Schon and Tareq in the 1990s but chose Tareq because "I thought life would be less stressful." (EXPRESS)



Lawbreakers

Driving While Hot

Gisele Bundchen was stopped for speeding and given a verbal warning by a Massachusetts state trooper on Saturday. Bundchen was going about 70 mph in a 55 mph zone. The trooper reminded her of the speed limit and let her go on her way. (AP)



CASTING

Nic Cage Is Also in This Movie, But We Tire of Looking at Him

50 Cent has signed on to play a pimp in "The Frozen Ground," a movie about Alaskan serial killer Robert Hansen starring Nicolas Cage. 50 Cent "has basically moved a lot of tour dates and a bunch of stuff," one of the film's producers told the Anchorage Daily News. (EXPRESS)



"Wearing too much makeup has been my biggest beauty faux pas.

I truly, truly believe that beauty is something that comes from within."

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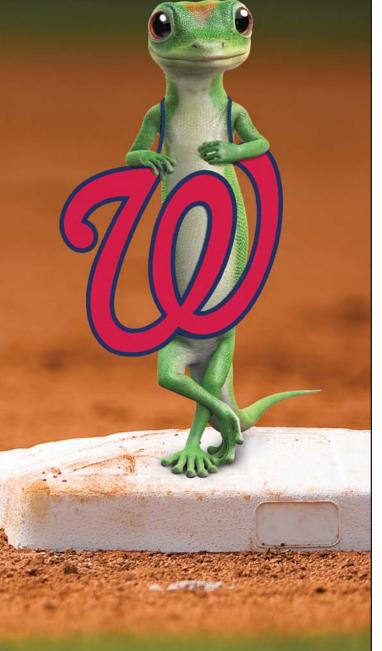
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